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For State Engineer, J. H. PATTERSON of Michigan County.
For Member Board of Education, E. A. WILSON of Van Buren County.

WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—For lower Michigan: Fair, warmer, south winds.

IT HASTENED.

Courts have no inherent power to make an unconstitutional act constitutional any more than they have to invest robbery with virtue. To say that the supreme court can declare the present alleged legislature a constitutional body after declaring the election under which it was created an unconstitutional one is to affirm that the court can create a legislature. It will not be questioned that the acts of the alleged legislature before its unconstitutionality was ascertained are valid, because the rule is well known that the acts of de facto officers are binding as to third parties, and as in this instance to the people. To invalidate these acts would be to unsettle business and impair the obligations of contracts already entered into in good faith. It would be against public policy to do so, and would result in a confusion so great as to bewilder everybody in any way affected by existing laws. But the validity of the acts of the de facto officer terminates the moment his de facto character is established and he can no longer bind anybody except by competent delegated authority. It follows, therefore, that the state of Michigan is without a legislature, and can have one only when competent authority to act shall be delegated by the people upon legally chosen representatives. The supreme court has no power to say to unconstitutionally elected officers: "I will clothe you with constitutional prerogatives"—that power is lodged exclusively in the people. If this be true then the special session of the alleged legislature will amount to no more than the assembly of a like number of persons claiming to be the legislature, and any law or measure passed by it will be void and null. If the court can say to these unconstitutionally elected legislators that their acts will be held valid as to the people the court can go farther and say the same thing to any body exercising legislative functions.

WHAT WILL RESULT?

When the people's party convention shall finish its work at Jackson, what will have been accomplished? The calamity howler will have howled, the impracticable and impossible theorists will have unburdened themselves and a ticket will be in the field representing the outlandish declaration of principles contained in the preamble to the Omaha platform. What will this profit the people? Absolutely nothing, for if the ticket were to win it would find itself powerless to change existing laws or to apply any of the remedies for the bugaboo evils so lustily complained of. The people's party is not destined to amount to anything in this campaign because its leaders are the same men that have been identified with all the third party movements for thirty years past. They profess great concern for the people but they are always first in the attempt to capture office. It matters little what the Jackson platform will contain. At best it will be but an abortive attempt to classify alleged existing evils, with no well defined plan for curing them. It will be silent to the fact that evils have always existed and always will exist so long as governments stand, but it will blindly assert that the old parties are solely responsible for them. If the leaders in the people's party would take cognizance of the fact that neither their unselfish patriotism nor their superior intelligence entitles their opinions to weight in the minds of thinking persons they would be less blatant in crying for reform and bewailing poverty.

FEARS ANNEXATION.

Sounding a key note of warning, while secretly praying that the peril feared may be realized, the Toronto News declares that "a few journals are advising the Canadian government to accept with meekness whatever punishment may be inflicted upon our maritime interests at the hands and above all to avoid anything having even the

appearance of retaliation in kind at the Welland. If this advice is accepted an important Canadian industry will sustain a very serious injury, while the only inconvenience suffered by the Americans will be that attending the loss of competition in freight rates. The conclusion will thus be justified that Canada is either afraid or unable, when smitten, to strike back again, and a hostile neighbor, naturally believing that further measures of a like nature to that now adopted can be indulged in with safety, will then proceed to impose harassing conditions upon our railways doing business in the United States. And so, step by step, the policy of coercion will go on until annexation is practically forced upon us."

There would seem to be no good reason why the petition of Canal street property owners asking for the removal of the two extra street car tracks on Canal street should not meet with a favorable reception by the Street Car company. While the four tracks make it convenient for the running of the Lyon and East Bridge street cars these could be handled on two tracks with as great convenience as the Scribner, Shawmut, Ionia and Taylor street cars are handled on Monroe street. Then, too, by removing the outside tracks the beauty of the street would be enhanced and the danger of accidents will be minimized, to say nothing of the freedom from annoying noises incident to the traffic so near to the curbs.

UNTIL the world's fair appropriation amendment to the sundry civil bill shall be disposed of the government will be run on borrowed money. The responsibility for the delay and disgusting dilatory tactics is altogether with the democrats, for they have a majority almost large enough to make a quorum. On account of the large number of absences even Tom Reed would be puzzled to count a quorum. The democrats were never known to do but one thing to perfection, and that is when an opportunity presents itself to distinguish themselves they invariably make consummate asses of themselves.

With a slyness characteristic of the party the date for the special session is fixed for Friday, August 5. If a bill can be prepared and passed before the following Monday it will become a law within the ninety days required by the constitution and no action will be necessary to give it immediate effect. If the democrats are harboring the delusion that such a snap will work they are in a worse state of hypnotism than the governor.

SECRETARY FOSTER reports a surplus in the treasury aggregating \$127,000,000, only \$27,000,000 of which is available for the plunder of the extravagant congress that is quibbling over a \$5,000,000 appropriation for a show that is to commemorate the discovery of the country that they are doing all in their power to disgrace.

In sustaining the vetoes of Mayor Stuart the council showed a disposition to concur in the sentiment against extending saloon privileges in the residence districts. Until saloon "limits" shall be established the denial of the right to one enjoyed by another will afford any amount of annoyance and subject the city to the charge of discrimination.

SAMOA is threatened with civil war over the theft of a litter of pigs from a German resident by minions of the vanquished Mataafa, who is living in a secluded place near Apia, where the porker is scarce. The pig is getting in his deadly work by way of the wickia, but seems to aspire to something more heroic.

If the reports from Homestead are reliable it would appear that the company has forced its locked-out men into subjection and that the great strike is at an end. That it is ended will be good news to everybody. That the men were defeated will be received with satisfaction by a very few.

DEMOCRATIC newspapers are loud in their protestations that it is a duty to prepare a fair and equitable apportionment bill and in response thereto a hypnotized governor calls the special session so that a partisan bill will have just time enough to become a law without a two-thirds vote.

ACCORDING to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch the devil has been allotted one-seventh of Chicago's time during the world's fair. If Mephistopheles hasn't a finer grip than that, Chicago will be a paradise of purity in comparison to most of the other large cities of the country.

HYPOCRISY has become one of the fixed sciences and in certain physical conditions it may be employed to make a man do the will of another against his will. Dan Campau resorted to it in manipulating the glibbie Winans. The old man seems to be in a gorgeous trance.

It is said that the native Australians picture to themselves a heaven filled with angels, having heads on each end of their bodies. They probably got their idea from the democratic position on the silver question.

FRIDAY is the day set for the special session. It is known the world over as hangman's day. Will somebody supply the squabblers with the necessary hemp? They will do the rest.

CONGRESSMAN HOAR is said to translate his speeches in Latin. Chocław would be about Grover Cleveland's size.

GENERAL WEAVER doesn't smoke, drink or swear, and yet the people's party expects to carry Missouri.

CHARLES A. DANA intends to visit the Holy Land. Poor old Jerusalem!

WILL BE A BEAUTY

The Theater to Be Built by Wm. T. Powers.

PLANS ADOPTED AND APPROVED

That Provide for a Modern Theatrical Temple, Generous in Decorations, Convenience and Appointments.

Grand Rapids is to have a modern theatre, first class and brilliant in all of its arrangements and William T. Powers is to build it. Work will begin at once and will be pushed to completion with the greatest energy. This decision was reached yesterday after the Architect William H. Cobb had arrived from Chicago with plans, which were given a careful consideration by Mr. Powers, and by him approved in every respect. The drawings provide for a much handsomer and more attractive theater than some expected. It will be built in accordance with the latest devices and fancies and will provide well for the comfort and ease of both patrons and players.

Architect Cobb stated before taking the train last evening that Mr. Powers would have a play house that would not be surpassed in the state. He also said that there was no reason for doubting the absolute safety and durability of the walls; that without relying upon the opinion of Grand Rapids builders of the house on Chicago had given them a thorough examination before the plans were drawn and declared them to be sound and enduring. There will be nothing in the projected structure to remind of the old theater. The main entrance will be reached through a beautiful foyer which will be constructed on Pearl street between the present building and the Metropolitan hall block. This foyer will be thirteen feet wide, will have a tile floor and will be generously decorated.

Three Separate Foyers.

Above it will be foyers for the dress circle and for the third floor, so that the occupants of either section will not come in contact with the patrons on either of the other floors. Connected with the main entrance will be toilet and reception rooms for women patrons. The parquet, as well as other portions of the house, will be carpeted with the best improved oyster chairs, and the aisles will be easy in grade and roomy. The proscenium arch will be a fine piece of ornamental and decorative work. There will be ten boxes in all, five on each side, and the stage will be extended to within, making it 36 by 60 feet in size, and 60 feet in height. It will be a theater in all of its features commensurate with the progress and demands of Grand Rapids, and it is hoped that citizens will take a pride in patronizing and supporting it. Work will begin on the building, and in the meantime scenery and the stage devices and trappings, all of which will be of the latest improved pattern and invention, will be prepared elsewhere. It is hoped that it will be completed by November 1. This will be ample time for the winter season, which usually begins by September 1, but this year, beginning at that time, it would have been greatly hampered by the campaign. So Grand Rapids will be able to see, no doubt, a fine list of attractions in a modern temple of Theatrical.

There is a full page, half-tone engraving of Hon. James G. Blaine in the "Life of Benjamin Harrison" which the Herald is offering free for new subscribers. Order at once.

WHAT IS THE LAW?

Is the Squabuck Legislature of 1922 Constitutional?

Just at present one of the leading topics for discussion among lawyers is the recent decision of the supreme court in knocking out the legislative gerrymander and the subsequent question of the unconstitutionality of the state legislature which was passed. The Herald was detailed to visit some of the leading attorneys yesterday and get their opinions on the matter.

Ex-Attorney-General Taggart expressed his views on the subject as follows: "It would seem to be a very pertinent question in the absence of any previous decision on such a point, but the supreme court of Wisconsin has recently given a similar opinion. The rule is that a de facto body can act, and its acts are valid. Then, too, the supreme court virtually, in its decision, upholds the constitutionality of the state legislature by suggesting that if the governor might be elected by legislature, the secretary be instructed to follow the new apportionment, and, in the absence of any special session, to observe the apportionment of 1881."

"The supreme court of Wisconsin held that all acts passed by such a body are valid, although the body itself is unconstitutional. It is a de facto body, hence valid in its work. They will have to pass a pretty good bill at the special session, in order to get a two-thirds vote for immediate effect. In fact, the vote will have to be a non-partisan vote."

Henry B. Fallas was next questioned and his opinion agreed with Moes Taggart's almost verbatim. He said: "The legislature is a de facto body, whether legal or not, and the supreme court in its opinion intimated that the governor might be elected by legislature in special session to pass a new apportionment bill. The court would undoubtedly sustain the new session. It is the last resort. The opinion reminds me of the arguments of two little girls over the truth of a statement. One said, 'It is so,' and the other said, 'It is not so.' The first little girl then settled it by saying, 'Mamma said it is so and so,' and the other said, 'It is so or not so.' That is the stand of the supreme court."

An attorney, in giving an opinion, can give only his idea or belief as to what the supreme court will decide. He does not know positively."

Mark Norris was next seen and said: "Well, that same matter has been called to our attention before and we have communicated with the governor in reference to it. It is an exceedingly serious question and neither of us has examined it with a view to giving an opinion on it, but both of us (meaning his father) have very great doubts of the constitutionality of any law enacted in 1921."

Mr. Norris said that the republican element of the legislature ought not to make much trouble over the new apportionment, for if thrown to the apportionment of '81 the party would lose three representatives. The extending of the city limits of Detroit, Grand Rapids and Saginaw, would cause a mix in the voting precincts, where the new wards were formed. A part of the eleventh and twelfth wards were a part of the city districts and a part of the county.

Mr. Norris could not recall any law that strengthened such double voting.

PROHIBITION CAUCUS.

Delegates Elected to the Coming County Convention.

A. Dodge presided at the prohibition caucus last evening, at which delegates were elected to the county convention, to be held in the McMullin block, Wednesday, at 10 a. m.

The delegates elected are as follows: First ward—Walter Kennedy, Peter Volmar and James E. Ames. Second ward—J. K. Johnson, G. H. Newell, J. H. Tatum. Third ward—L. D. Randall, W. C. Sheppard, Richard Pickett. Fourth ward—G. D. Constock, William B. Renwick, E. D. Fuller. Fifth ward—W. A. Frye, E. C. Messer, Jacob Starnes. Sixth ward—W. W. Reed, G. A. Richards, C. F. Bush. Seventh ward—The Rev. J. W. Reid, Charles Thomas, Albert Coyle. Eighth ward—Frank Weatherly, Elliott Jackson and George H. Kirtland. Ninth ward—W. L. Davidson, Fred Wheeler, C. W. Fellows. Tenth ward—George Roelofs, A. Dodge, W. H. Galloway. Eleventh ward—W. W. Smith, W. E. Pelton, N. C. Palmer. Twelfth ward—George H. Kirtland, G. W. Kynan and the Rev. Jabez Sushall.

THERE'S A CIRCUS IN TOWN.

The Great Barnum and Bailey Shows on the Island.

Barnum & Bailey's circus arrived in the city at an early hour this morning from Muskegon, and by sunrise the immense strolling caravan will occupy nearly all the space on the island, which is a most convenient place, being located in the heart of the city. The Herald has related from time to time the features which are being presented by Barnum & Bailey this season, many of which are entirely new. The greatest interest will, no doubt, be centered in the spectacle, "Columbus Discovering America," which requires for the presentation a vast array of persons. It will be historically correct in scenery and in costume. It was very happy and fitting in Mr. Bailey to this recognize Columbus year by offering to the public the greatest spectacular production ever given the public by a traveling show. It is said to surpass "New," which astonished London two years ago and which was seen here last season. The extent of the circus program has been in no ways curtailed on account of Columbus and the three rings will be occupied by the best of the world's circus. The menagerie, which will, of course, be a fine study in natural history for the little folks, is said to embrace animals which can live in this climate, including, of course, the cage with the conventional happy family of monkeys. The parade will start at 9 o'clock sharp.

Explanatory Statement.

In justice to the management of the Soldiers' home, it should be said that the burial of the three inmates that recently died, and were interred without ceremony, was in pursuance of a necessity rather than a purpose to bury them into the grave. The chaplain of the home was away from the city, but before going had given due notice that during his absence no religious services would be held. It was also stated that the bodies of the deceased inmates should be interred and memorial services held afterwards as is frequently done in other cases. In two of the cases at least public funerals could not have been held owing to the advanced state of decomposition of the dead bodies. The complaint came from a chronic knicker and one whose right to live in the Home is a question of serious doubt. It was entirely uncalled for and The Herald feels it a duty to say that it was offered in good faith by a gentleman who has been in the city for many years, and who has been published as received after inquiry had been made to establish the truth of the charge that burial had been made without religious services. Memorial services for the men recently yet privately buried will be held next Sunday, when the last respects to their memory will be paid with as much feeling and propriety as there would have been at the time of burial.

Barn Burned by Lightning.

J. W. Pennell, living on the South Division street gravel road, near the Michigan Central railway crossing, lost his barn and its contents yesterday morning by fire caused by lightning. The building was struck at 5 o'clock and was so nearly enveloped in flames before the fire was discovered that nothing could be saved. The contents included 1,250 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of rye and oats, a quantity of hay and farming implements. The insurance, which was \$600 on the building and \$800 on the contents, will not cover the amount of the loss. The barn was standing on the same site was burned in the same manner fifteen years ago.

Bicyclists' Excursion.

The party of "cyclers" that visited Ottawa beach in the steamer Rambler Sunday, have returned, and are enchanted over their voyage. They ran into two sandbars on their way down which caused delay, and made it necessary for the party to get out and walk for a short distance. At Grand Haven another accident occurred. The crew broke and the boat had to be towed in by the tug Lotus. After the repairs were made the trip on the big lake, though somewhat rough, was pleasant.

Mrs. Youngs Was Aroused.

Mrs. Youngs, a white woman with a colored husband, living at No. 683 Cherry street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Van Dine on a charge of disorderly. She and her husband attended Emancipation day exercises last night and the dusky damsel, who were out in gaudy attire, attracted the attention of Mr. Youngs, who lavished a little too freely for the comfort of his wife. Mrs. Youngs remonstrated and overreached the boundaries of the city ordinance.

Keep the Doors Locked.

While lecturing at Bailey by the employment of a detective force do all that is possible to protect their patrons while on the show grounds they cannot guarantee safety at residences from the predatory sneak thief. During the parade today it would be wise to keep the back doors securely locked.

Will Dine the Druggists.

The Hazeltine Perkins Drug company will take the delegates to the meeting of the state Pharmaceutical society this evening at the residence of Reed's lake. Caterer Warren Swetland has prepared an exceptionally fine menu, and the entertainment will also include a moonlight ride on the lake.

The frontispiece in Lee Wallace's "Life of Benjamin Harrison" is a fine steel engraving of President Harrison himself. The book is a good one. Order at once.

HE KNEW ABOUT IT

The Subject of Suspenders and Women

DISCUSSED BY A TRAVELER

They Will Cover Their Suspenders up When the Novelty of the Thing Wears Off.

"It doesn't worry me any to see a woman wear suspenders," remarked a sedate looking old man who stood in front of the Morton house yesterday and watched the pretty girls trip by, clad in negligee costumes. "Doesn't it?" mechanically questioned a reporter for THE HERALD. "Of course it doesn't," returned the little man warmly. "Why shouldn't a girl wear suspenders?"

The reporter had never studied the prevailing fashion from an ethical point of view, and the little man continued: "Some men seem to think that a woman never ought to wear anything that's comfortable. Suspenders are comfortable. Did you ever try to keep your trousers up by pinning 'em around your neck? Well, it's deuced annoying and unsatisfactory. But suspenders hold 'em up and never cause you any annoyance unless the buttons come off. Suspenders are healthful, too. They don't interfere with your breathing and your digestion, and the action of your liver. I think it was a very bright idea for women to add the suspenders to their wardrobe. They're only a fad now, but it won't be long before you will see them adopted and worn by every woman. I admit that it's rubbing it in a little for women to wear her suspenders on the outside, but, bless your heart, she'll get over that. Don't you remember when you had your first suspenders? Every man does. And you were so blamed proud of 'em that nobody could get you to wear any coat. You simply wouldn't do it. You had to wear 'em and you wanted to show 'em. It was the first time you ever had any such things, and you knew the neighbors were all interested in the fact. Now that's just the way it is with women. Wearing suspenders is a novelty to them. They're pleased over it just as you were when your mother got your first pair for you. When the newness wears off, they'll tuck their suspenders under of sight, just as we do. You see women are sort of amateurs in the art of wearing suspenders. It will take them a little time to get on to all the kinks of the business."

Gossip of the Hotels.

Dr. H. Foster of Reed City was a guest at the New Livingston yesterday. He was on his way to Sturgis to attend the races.

F. D. Sherman, principal of the Bay City schools, was among yesterday's guests at the New Livingston.

F. H. White, proprietor of the Gayoso house of Memphis, is at the New Livingston.

M. P. Gale of Big Rapids was at the Morton yesterday. His congressional record did not accompany him, but a strong, healthy child and is growing rapidly.

M. C. Sculley, sheriff of Marquette County, was at Sweet's yesterday.

B. W. Jacobs of Birmingham, Ala., is at the Morton. He is in the city buying furniture.

Guests at the Hotels.

The following residents of Michigan were guests at leading hotels yesterday:

Morton—D. W. Johnson, Detroit; H. B. Rogan, Detroit; M. McNichols, St. Louis; L. M. Hutchinson, Detroit; M. C. Gale, Big Rapids; O. W. Smith, Detroit; A. F. L. DeHunt, Detroit; W. J. McSwaney, Kalamazoo; E. C. Federer, Detroit; F. L. McElroy, Clarksville; C. H. Green, Detroit; H. C. Davis, Kalamazoo; W. W. Oliver, Kalamazoo; J. B. Whitcher, Ionia; James Vernon, Detroit; R. H. Brown, Detroit; A. H. Dade, Detroit; J. B. Muliken, Detroit; W. F. Walker, Detroit; H. P. Burch, Lansing; J. T. Mayhew, Detroit; J. D. Kefau, Hudson.

New Livingston: D. H. L. Foster, Reed City; C. M. Thorpe, Detroit; M. H. Ramford, Detroit; George W. Perry, Bellevue; W. L. Lange, Detroit; P. H. Mathews, Jr., Detroit; Arthur Cornell, Otego; F. D. Newberg, Coldwater; John R. Champion, Coldwater; C. I. Buell, Newaygo; B. W. Murdoch, Ovid; R. A. Clark, Detroit.

Sweet's—A. H. Holland, Marquette; J. M. Anderson, Detroit; H. N. Billing, Hastings; O. E. Billing, Fremont; George I. Smith, Detroit; B. E. Blake, New Buffalo; J. L. Williams, Hastings; J. M. Scully, Marquette; N. D. Baker, Holland; John M. Cluff, St. Louis; John Oswald, Detroit.

Clarendon—A. C. Woodcock, Detroit; D. M. Mergot, Alpena; H. P. Brooks, Cheboygan; H. M. Sprague, Grand Haven; D. T. Davis, Courtland; S. M. Starr, Hastings; C. M. Gibson, Fremont; E. C. Forbes, Detroit; C. G. Hagaman, Paw Paw; John H. Mitchell, Ionia.

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HOW MR. BEECHER READ.

Stimulated, doubtless, by Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's public reading, reminiscences of her husband, a paragraph has recently been circulated to the effect that the great preacher rarely read a book and never could command the patience necessary to the careful reading of a volume. This is erroneous, if the New York Press is to be believed. Mr. Beecher's library was large and selected with great care. But after his entrance into public life he had but few leisure hours and comparatively little time for reading. He was a very slow reader, stopping often to ponder on what he had read.

If his attention was particularly attracted by a passage or some thought was suggested by it not specially connected with what he was reading, I have seen him drop his book and sit a long time with that intense far-off look so peculiar to him, and turning quickly to his writing table begin to write rapidly. This writing would perhaps consist of notes for a sermon, but the book which suggested the thought was forgotten, and perhaps not opened again for a week. Many books in Mr. Beecher's library would seem from their looks never to have been opened.

Yet, after listening to some peculiar interesting sermon and on questioning him as to how the subject came up before him, he would say, "Oh, it was suggested weeks ago from a few lines in that book," pointing to a set on the shelves opposite his desk.

At one time Mrs. Beecher said: "Why, I never saw you open one of those books!" Quietly he reached for the book, opened it and pointed to a

small pencil mark, and on reading the sentence one could understand that the passage might have suggested the topic for the sermon.

Mr. Beecher seldom read novels, and when he did he would, in all probability, be called away when just in the middle of a chapter. Then he would lay aside the story, and perhaps not take it up again for days. The first early years of Mr. Beecher's public life he used to read Walter Scott's novels for rest and relaxation. Not all of them, but many; so, if he had a favorite writer it was Scott. In looking through the titles of Scott's works Mrs. Beecher recalls that there were some of them which did not, from a superficial examination, especially interest him, and which he never read. But those that he read had a special charm for him during the partial rest of the first spring months. Yet the next year he would read them again with renewed interest, always insisting that he didn't remember them. It is true that Mr. Beecher had a poor verbal memory and it is doubtful if he could ever repeat a sentence from any work correctly. His friends who knew him from a lecture, and he bought them a copy of the book, and he was always anxious if he attempted to quote a text of Scripture. But he always gave the right meaning even if he didn't give the literal quotation. Often in some illustration there would be some incident from one of Scott's works, greatly enriching what he was illustrating, for which he gave the author full credit, but could never tell from which of Scott's stories he had extracted it, or in what connection the idea had come to him. In later years his lighter reading was done on the cars going to or returning from a lecture, and he bought from the book-stall what appeared most attractive and least cumbersome.

Great Day for Marriage.

Justice Holcomb says that today, being circus day, will be a big one for weddings. Whether it is the red lemonade, the spectacular performance or reduced rates on railroads that creates the demand for marriage licenses the judge doesn't know.

State News.

George Slossel of Bay City was sky-larking with two well known business men at Bay City. They went through his pockets, just for fun, and relieved him of \$14. He had them arrested for highway robbery.

The Rev. Samuel Plantz preached on "Social Discontent" in Detroit Sunday. After enumerating the burdens which oppress labor he told his listeners that nothing but christian socialism would set things right.

The Home Cluster is the name of a bright six-column folio that has just made its appearance at Harroville, Westford county. Its brains are all right, though its bowels are of the kind called "patent."

Peter Zurbuchen, a Swiss, was found in the Detroit river. His skull was fractured. Adolph Oblaser is in jail charged with the killing. Oblaser thought Zurbuchen loved Mrs. Oblaser.

Henry Causlin had a little controversy with a degenerate Roman at Saginaw. The dago slashed him with a knife about the time the lie direct occurred.

The fire edition of the Bay City Tribune is a beauty, and everybody who works in the office, from galley boy to editor, ought to feel proud of it.

David Brown and John Egle, boys under 19, who committed a \$150 burglary in Detroit Tuesday, have been caught in New York.

The first annual meeting of the National Clerks' association will be held in Detroit tomorrow.

The City of Saginaw, a big wooden steamship, will be launched at Bay City the last of the month.

IT WAS THEIR DAY

Emancipation Day Was Duly Celebrated

BY THE COLORED POPULATION

Eloquent and Encouraging Addresses Were Made by Alfred Watson and the Rev. J. T. Husted.

Simmons' hall was well filled with colored citizens and their white friends last evening to celebrate the twenty-ninth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation. On account of the absence of Judge M. C. Burch from the city his speech was omitted.

The address of the Hon. Alfred Watson was an able one. In it he touched the significance of Emancipation day and how it marked an epoch in history. On that day thousands of slaves were released from a bondage that was a blot on the fair pages of American history. He spoke of the war as an educational power, educating the colored man as to liberty and the rights of man. He discussed also the future of the negro race, telling them that their future lay with themselves and urged them to have confidence in themselves and to take pride in their race. He said it was only a matter of time when the race prejudice would have died out and the manhood of man would exert itself.

The Rev. Husted's Remarks.

The Rev. Husted was the next speaker and his talk was full of interest to his hearers. He, too, referred to the history of the day and advised them to erect in their homes an altar of emancipation. On this altar, he said, place first the Bible, then, in order, the piece of Harriet Beecher Stowe, the ballot box, the sword and the constitution as amended. According to his way of thinking the two things the negro race needs are education and religion. He advised them not to imitate the white race and told his hearers that if they did so they were apt to imitate its worst features. He quoted from a recent speech made by Colonel Bain of Kentucky, the noted prohibitionist, in which he said the colored race was in many cases better off under slavery than at the present time. The Kentuckian had said that during slavery days no means negroes were to be found and now the asylums contained hundreds of them. He advised the establishment of slavery for certain classes of whites, if in any way it would decrease the number of insane. His remarks and those of Mr. Watson were received with great applause.

After the exercises had ended, refreshments were served. The celebration of the day was one of the most successful ever held in this city.

The program of the exercises is as follows:

Opening speech, the Rev. P. H. Williams; prayer, the Rev. W. A. Frye; instrumental solo, "Shadows of the Past," Mrs. M. Tucker; solo, Mrs. M. E. Jenkins; speech, the Hon. Alfred Watson; solo, Mrs. James G. Gough; talk, the Rev. Husted; duet, "Go d Night, and God Bless You," Mr. Burton and Mrs. Burton.

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